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MEMORANDUM FOR : Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service
THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group
SUBJECT : Monthly Report--Gulf Bureau--September 1985

I. GENERAL

STAT [] conducted the IBM-PC training course
at Gulf Bureau from 31 August to 11 September, and the program
proved both successful and popular with employees. Eight staff
and non-staff employees took part in the general part of the
course, which was divided into morning and afternoon sessions;
STAT they were deputy chief [] editors [] and
STAT [] administrative assistant [] commo
STAT supervisor [] chief monitor [] and
STAT monitor section heads []
Engineer [] who had already taken the training
program on his previous assignment in Abidjan, sat in on sessions
of interest to him. Later in the program, each participant was
given additional instruction on specific applications relevant
STAT to his/her particular duties. At the end of the program, []
STAT [] was assigned the duties of system manager.

Several functions have already been implemented, including the
new monthly non-staff personnel report format, the staff
personnel report, and the bureau inventory. Because of the ease
with which internal memoranda are now being churned out on the
word processor, the bureau chief is considering removal of all
Multimate software to some place of inaccessible storage.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Editorial/Monitorial

1. The Soviet Union made a major inroad into the Gulf Region
when on 26 September TASS announced that the USSR and Oman would
establish diplomatic relations. Omani sources were immediately
checked for reports on this decision; however, no such reports
had been monitored and a negative FYI was filed. Later in the
evening that same day, Muscat was monitored to report on the
decision to establish relations. Oman thus becomes the second
GCC state to establish relations with the USSR following Kuwait.

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2. On 28 and 29 September, Gulf Bureau assumed coverage of the Khartoum SUNA in Arabic 1700-1800 newscast due to poor reception at Jordan Bureau. In view of a reported fresh coup attempt, high priority was given to backstopping SUNA, with numerous items being processed, including several immediate precedence items on the imposition of a curfew in Khartoum, and the premier's revelation of a plot to assassinate Sudanese leaders.

B. SPECIAL SERVICES

1. At the request of an embassy consumer, the bureau requested London Bureau's assistance in obtaining an Iranian publication -- the magazine AL-JIHAD of 9 September -- and processing an article on the death of a prominent Shi'ite Muslim figure in a traffic accident in Bahrain. The publication was located and processed by London, for which the consumer was very grateful. The consumer has asked that additional sample copies of AL-JIHAD be pouched from London.

2. At the request of Liaison, the bureau prepared approximately 6 hours of recordings of Pashto/Dari. The tapes were forwarded to Liaison.

C. COMMUNICATIONS

1. At the end of August, the bureau began experiencing outage problems with its primary incoming/outgoing landline communications circuit. For the better part of two weeks the line between the bureau and the embassy was dead, with the bureau resorting to use its back-up microwave system. Exhaustive efforts were made by the bureau engineer, along with the embassy's TCU staff and repairmen from the Bahrain Telephone Company, to locate the source of the outage. In the final analysis, the problems appeared to be numerous. It was determined that the telephone company had been working on their lines and may have affected our line; the bureau's in-house commo circuit wiring was faulty and needed to be worked on; and the two telegraph convertor units supplied by the telephone company were found to be faulty. The problems were finally sorted out and the bureau's primary landline circuit was restored on 10 September.

III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. EOD authorization for [] a new Arabic monitor, was received during the month. [] who comes to FBIS after a career in the Royal Jordanian Air Force, is expected to EOD on 13 October and will bring the Arabic section and bureau up to full T/O.

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2. Five employees received PSIs in September. They are [redacted]
[redacted] Arabic monitor; [redacted] Arabic/Russian
monitor; [redacted] Persian monitor; and [redacted]
[redacted] both senior commo operators.

B. Building and Grounds

Discussions with the bureau's landlord were begun concerning rental of additional space on the ground floor of the building. At present, the bureau's emergency power generator is housed in an extremely small room lacking adequate ventilation. The bureau hopes to rent an adjacent room, which is currently vacant, both for the generator and to provide additional storage space.

IV. VISITS

A. To the Bureau

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1. [redacted] 30 Aug-12 Sep, to conduct the IBM-PC training course.

2. Ambassador Donald C. Leidel, 22 Sep, for an inspection tour of the bureau and update on operations, and to meet the newly assigned staff employees.

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3. [redacted] Headquarters personnel officer, 30 Sep, to brief staff employees on personnel matters, primarily those affecting pay, retirement, and insurance benefits.

B. From the Bureau

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Bureau chief [redacted] made an introductory visit to information minister of Bahrain, Mr. Tariq Almoayed, on 2 Sep, accompanied by charge d'affaires Larry Pope and the new PAO, Anne O'Leary.

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Chief, Gulf Bureau

ATT: Monthly Production Report

GULF BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 1985

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH	:	242,310	
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH	:	93,320	
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH	:	683	
	BROAD CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:	15,810	13,740	191.5

(MINUTES OR ISSUES PER WEEK)

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:

(PUBLISHABLE WORDS PER MONTH)

AFGHANISTAN

KABUL INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN ARABIC	-0-
KABUL IN ENGLISH TO SOUTH ASIA	-0-

BAHRAIN

MANAMA DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ARABIC	-0-	
MANAMA DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ENGLISH	400	
MANAMA TELEVISION SERVICE IN ARABIC	-0-	
MANAMA WAKH IN ARABIC		12,070
MANAMA WAKH IN ENGLISH		11,340
MANAMA AKHBAR AL-KHALIJ IN ARABIC		760
MANAMA AL-ADWA' IN ARABIC		-0-
MANAMA AL-MAWAQIF IN ARABIC		-0-
MANAMA SADA AL-USBU' IN ARABIC		340
MANAMA GULF DAILY NEWS IN ENGLISH		3,720
MANAMA GULF MIRROR IN ENGLISH		-0-

CLANDESTINE

(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF ISLAMIC REVOLUTION OF AFGHANISTAN IN DARI	-0-
(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF ISLAMIC REVOLUTION OF AFGHANISTAN IN PASHTO	440
(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF AL-AHVAZ REVOLUTION IN ARABIC	1,020

(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF IRAQI KURDISTAN IN BAH DINANI KURDISH	-0-	
(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF IRAQI KURDISTAN IN SURANI KURDISH	-0-	
(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF IRAQI REVOLUTION IN SURANI KURDISH	-0-	
(CLANDESTINE) FREE VOICE OF IRAN IN PERSIAN	3,100	
(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF MOJAHEDIN-E KHALQ IN PERSIAN	-0-	
(CLANDESTINE) RADIO NEJAT-E IRAN IN PERSIAN	4,790	
(CLANDESTINE) RADIO IRAN IN PERSIAN	3,830	
IRAN		

TEHRAN INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN ARABIC	16,520	
TEHRAN TELEVISION SERVICE IN ARABIC	950	
TEHRAN INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN RUSSIAN	-0-	
TEHRAN INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN TURKISH	1,510	
MASHHAD INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN DARI	220	
TABRIZ INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN AZERI	690	
TEHRAN DOMESTIC SERVICE IN PERSIAN	11,570	
TEHRAN DOMESTIC SERVICE IN SURANI KURDISH	-0-	
TEHRAN DOMESTIC SERVICE IN BAH DINANI KURDISH	-0-	
TEHRAN TELEVISION SERVICE IN PERSIAN	590	
TEHRAN TELEVISION SERVICE IN ENGLISH	-0-	
AHVAZ DOMESTIC SERVICE IN PERSIAN	1,670	
BANDAR 'ABBAS DOMESTIC SERVICE IN PERSIAN	110	
BUSHEHR DOMESTIC SERVICE IN PERSIAN	160	
ESFAHAN DOMESTIC SERVICE IN PERSIAN	-0-	
MASHHAD DOMESTIC SERVICE IN PERSIAN	-0-	
SHIRAZ DOMESTIC SERVICE IN PERSIAN	160	
TABRIZ DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ARMENIAN	-0-	
TABRIZ DOMESTIC SERVICE IN AZERI	-0-	
ZAHEDAN DOMESTIC SERVICE IN PERSIAN	-0-	
TEHRAN IRNA IN ARABIC	-0-	
TEHRAN AL-SHAHID IN ARABIC		1,080
TEHRAN KEYHAN AL-'ARABI IN ARABIC		-0-
TEHRAN KAYHAN INTERNATIONAL IN ENGLISH		1,090
TEHRAN TEHRAN TIMES IN ENGLISH		-0-

TEHRAN ETTELA'AT IN PERSIAN	1,740
TEHRAN JOMHURI-YE ESLAMI IN PERSIAN	2,740
TEHRAN KEYHAN IN PERSIAN	2,430
TEHRAN KEYHAN HAVA'I IN PERSIAN	-0-

IRAQ

BAGHDAD TELEVISION SERVICE IN PERSIAN	540
BAGHDAD DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ARABIC	460
BAGHDAD DOMESTIC SERVICE IN SURANI KURDISH	-0-
BAGHDAD TELEVISION SERVICE IN ARABIC	-0-

KUWAIT

KUWAIT DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ARABIC	-0-
KUWAIT TELEVISION SERVICE IN ARABIC	-0-
KUWAIT KUNA IN ARABIC	-0-
KUWAIT AL-ANBA' IN ARABIC	1,530
KUWAIT AL-HADAF IN ARABIC	-0-
KUWAIT AL-QABAS IN ARABIC	17,070
KUWAIT AL-RA'Y AL-'AMM IN ARABIC	3,320
KUWAIT AL-SIYASAH IN ARABIC	600
KUWAIT AL-WATAN IN ARABIC	2,930
KUWAIT ARAB TIMES IN ENGLISH	8,070

OMAN

MUSCAT DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ARABIC	3,160
SALALAH DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ARABIC	1,060
MUSCAT 'UMAN IN ARABIC	-0-
MUSCAT 'UMMAN AL-USBU'I IN ARABIC	340
MUSCAT ONA IN ARABIC	-0-

PAKISTAN

ISLAMABAD THE MUSLIM IN ENGLISH	1,350
KARACHI DAWN IN ENGLISH	6,450
KARACHI JASARAT IN URDU	1,460
KARACHI MASHRIQ IN URDU	2,990

KARACHI NAWA-E WAQT		
IN URDU		960
LAHORE JANG IN		
URDU		840
RAWALPINDI HAIDAR IN		
URDU		2,580
RAWALPINDI PAKISTAN TIMES		
IN ENGLISH		1,760

QATAR

DOHA DOMESTIC SERVICE		
IN ARABIC	230	
DOHA TELEVISION SERVICE		
IN ARABIC	200	
DOHA QNA IN		
ARABIC		7,290

SAUDI ARABIA

JEDDAH DOMESTIC SERVICE		
IN ARABIC	7,320	
RIYADH DOMESTIC SERVICE		
IN ARABIC	10,640	
RIYADH TELEVISION SERVICE		
IN ARABIC	1,730	
RIYADH TELEVISION SERVICE		
IN ENGLISH	-0-	
RIYADH SPA IN		
ARABIC		15,470
AL-DAMMAM AL-YAWM IN		
ARABIC		-0-
JEDDAH AL-MADINAH IN		
ARABIC		-0-
RIYADH AL-RIYAD IN		
ARABIC		-0-

SUDAN

OMDURMAN DOMESTIC SERVICE**		
IN ARABIC	-0-	
KHARTOUM SUNA IN		
ARABIC		2,550

UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS

MOSCOW IN PERSIAN TO		
IRAN	1,550	
BAKU INTERNATIONAL SERVICE		
IN PERSIAN	-0-	
BAKU INTERNATIONAL SERVICE		
IN AZERI	860	
DUSHANBE INTERNATIONAL SERVICE		
IN PERSIAN	-0-	
TASHKENT INTERNATIONAL SERVICE		
IN PERSIAN	-0-	
TASHKENT INTERNATIONAL SERVICE		
IN UIGHUR	-0-	
TASHKENT INTERNATIONAL SERVICE		
IN UZBEK	1,110	
YEREVAN INTERNATIONAL SERVICE		
IN ARMENIAN	-0-	
ALMA-ATA DOMESTIC SERVICE		
IN RUSSIAN	-0-	

ASHKHABAD DOMESTIC SERVICE			
IN RUSSIAN	350		
BAKU DOMESTIC SERVICE			
IN AZERI	2,280		
BAKU DOMESTIC SERVICE			
IN RUSSIAN	-0-		
DUSHANBE DOMESTIC SERVICE			
IN RUSSIAN	260		
TASHKENT DOMESTIC SERVICE			
IN RUSSIAN	490		
TASHKENT DOMESTIC SERVICE			
IN UZBEK	6,270		
YEREVAN DOMESTIC SERVICE IN			
ARMENIAN	-0-		
 UNITED ARAB EMIRATES			

ABU DHABI DOMESTIC SERVICE			
IN ARABIC	430		
DUBAYY DOMESTIC SERVICE			
IN ARABIC	-0-		
ABU DHABI WAM			
IN ARABIC		4,060	
ABU DHABI AL-ITTIHAD			
IN ARABIC			2,700
ABU DHABI AL-ITTIHAD AL-USBU'I			
IN ARABIC			-0-
AL-SHARIQAH AL-KHALIJ			
IN ARABIC			1,650
DUBAYY AL-BAYAN			
IN ARABIC			80
DUBAYY KHALEEJ TIMES			
IN ENGLISH			2,450
 UNITED KINGDOM			

LONDON AL-MAJALIS			
IN ARABIC			-0-
LONDON ASGHAR AQA			
IN PERSIAN			-0-
LONDON KEYHAN IN			
PERSIAN			1,420
LONDON VOICE OF IRAN			
IN ENGLISH			-0-
 PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC			
OF YEMEN (PDRY)			

ADEN DOMESTIC SERVICE IN			
ARABIC	12,680		
ADEN VOICE OF PALESTINE			
IN ARABIC	3,340		
ADEN ANA IN			
ARABIC		-0-	
ADEN ANA IN			
ENGLISH		-0-	
 YEMEN ARAB REPUBLIC (YAR)			

SANAA DOMESTIC SERVICE			
IN ARABIC	6,890		
SANAA VOICE OF PALESTINE			
IN ARABIC	5,500		
SANAA AL-THAWRAH			
IN ARABIC			-0-